

Checklist of the Birds of Itasca State Park

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Seasonal Occurrence

- A solid line indicates a species is present and is common to abundant.
During summer months, a solid line indicates nesting.
- - - - A dashed line indicates a species is present but in limited numbers.
this may or may not indicate nesting. (Refer to column marked "Breeding.")
- ~~~~~ A wavy line indicates a species is here irregularly, or rarely. This
may or may not indicate nesting.
- A separate dot indicates a specific record for the species.

HABITAT

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| A = Aquatic areas | G = Grasslands |
| 1 = Open lakes and rivers | 1 = Wet sedge meadows |
| 2 = Marshes | 2 = Grassy meadows |
| 3 = Cattails and marsh borders | 3 = Dry uplands |
| B = Beaches, usually sandy | M = Mudflats |
| C = Cliffs and banks | O = Aerial (usually seen in flight
Overhead) |
| F = Forests | S = Shrubby areas |
| 1 = Bottomland | 1 = Wet willow growth |
| 2 = Maple-basswood | 2 = Brushy hillsides |
| 3 = Oak-elm upland | 3 = Woodsy borders |
| 4 = Deciduous | 4 = Forest undergrowth |
| 5 = Conifer | 5 = Brushy creek banks |
| 6 = Forest Edge | X = Farmsteads & Building Sites |
| 7 = Tamarack/Black Spruce Bog | |

BREEDING STATUS

- N = Not known to nest in Itasca State Park
- R = Rarely nests in area (usually a rare species)
- U = Nests uncommonly (usually either a species at the edge of its normal range, or a species with a large nesting territory)
- C = Commonly nests in Itasca State Park
- S = Colonial or semi-colonial nesters that are locally abundant
- ? = Breeding status changing or not known (these species need further work and provide a challenge to the observer in search of nests)

SPECIES	HABITAT	BREEDING STATUS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Common Loon	A-1	C				←							→	
Pied-billed Grebe	A-2+3	C				←							→	
Horned Grebe	A-2+3	N			←	~~~~~	→				←	~~~~~	→	
Red-necked Grebe	A	R			←	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	→		
Western Grebe	A	N						←	~~~~~	→				
Double-crested Cormorant	A-1	N				←	~~~~~	→						
American Bittern	A-2+3	U			←	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	→		
Great Blue Heron	A & F-5	C			←								→	
Great Egret	A	N				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	
Cattle Egret	A	N						←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	

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Green-backed Heron	A-3	U				←	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	→
Black-crowned Night-Heron	A	R				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
Tundra Swan	O	N				←	~~~~~	~~~~~			←	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
Snow Goose	A-O	N				←	~~~~~	~~~~~			←	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
Canada Goose	A-O	N				←	~~~~~	~~~~~			←	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
Wood Duck	A+F	C				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
Green-winged Teal	A+O	N				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
American Black Duck	A	R				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
Mallard	A-G	C				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
Blue-winged Teal	A-G	U				←	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	→

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Northern Shoveler	A+D	N					←-----→				←-----→			
American Wigeon	A+D	N					←-----→				←-----→			
Redhead	A+D	N					←-----→				←-----→			
Ring-necked Duck	A	C					←-----→						→	
Lesser Scaup	A+D	N					←-----→				←-----→			
Common Goldeneye	A+D	N					←-----→				←-----→			
Bufflehead	A+D	N					←-----→				←-----→			
Hooded Merganser	A	U					←-----→				←-----→			
Common Merganser	A	N					←-----→							
Red-breasted Merganser	A	N					←-----→				←-----→			

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Ruddy Duck	A	N			←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Turkey Vulture	F+O	R			←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Osprey	A, F+O	C			←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Bald Eagle	A, F+O	U		←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Northern Harrier	G	U		←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Sharp-shinned Hawk	F	C			←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Cooper's Hawk	F	U			←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Northern Goshawk	F	U			←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Red-shouldered Hawk	F+O	R			←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Broad-winged Hawk	F	C				←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←

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Red-tailed Hawk	FG+O	C				←						→		
Rough-legged Hawk	G+O	N	←	---	---	→							←	---
American Kestrel	G	C			←								→	
Merlin	FG+O	N			←	~~~~~	→				←	~~~~~	→	
Ruffed Grouse	F+S	C	←											→
Yellow Rail	G-1	N				←	~~~~~	→						
Virginia Rail	A-3	U				←	---	---	---	---	→			
Sora	A-3	C				←						→		
American Coot	A	N				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
Sandhill Crane	O	N									←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~

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Killdeer	B	R				←-----→								
Greater Yellowlegs	B+M	N				←-----→			←-----→					
Lesser Yellowlegs	B+M	N				←-----→			←-----→					
Solitary Sandpiper	A+B	N				←-----→			←-----→					
Spotted Sandpiper	B	U				←-----→								
Common Snipe	G-1 A-3 O	U				←-----→								
American Woodcock	F-1	C				←-----→								
Franklin's Gull	A-1+O	N				←-----→			←-----→					
Bonaparte's Gull	A	N				←-----→								
Ring-billed Gull	A	N				←-----→								

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Herring Gull	A	N				←						→		
Caspian Tern	A	N				←						→		
Common Tern	A	N				←						→		
Forster's Tern	A	N				←						→		
Black Tern	A	U				←						→		
Mourning Dove	F-6	U				←	---	---	---	---	---	→		
Black-billed Cuckoo	F+S	C					←				→			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	F+S	R					←				→			
Great Horned Owl	F+G	C	←											→
Snowy Owl	F+O	N	~~~~~	→										←

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Barred Owl	F & G	C	←											→
Long-eared Owl	F	R					←					→		
Short-eared Owl	G	U				←							→	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	F	C			←								→	
Common Nighthawk	O	U					←							
Whip-poor-will	G & S	C					←							
Chimney Swift	X	U					←							
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	F & S	C					←							
Belted Kingfisher	A & C	C				←						→		
Red-headed Woodpecker	F-6	R					←							

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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	F	C				←						→		
Downy Woodpecker	F	U	←	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	→
Hairy Woodpecker	F	C	←	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	→
Three-toed Woodpecker	F	N	←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	→
Black-backed Woodpecker	F	U	←	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	→
Northern Flicker	F-6	U				←	---	---	---	---	---	→		
Pileated Woodpecker	F	C	←	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	→
Olive-sided Flycatcher	F-7	U					←	---	---	→				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	F-1+2	U					←	---	---	---	→			
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	F+S	N					←	---		---	→			

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<i>Alder Flycatcher</i>	A+S	C					←				→			
<i>Least Flycatcher</i>	F	C					←				→			
<i>Eastern Phoebe</i>	X	C					←				→			
<i>Great Crested Flycatcher</i>	F	C					←				→			
<i>Western Kingbird</i>	F-6	N					←	~~~~~			→			
<i>Eastern Kingbird</i>	F-6	R					←	-----			→			
<i>Horned Lark</i>	G	N				←	~~~~~				~~~~~			→
<i>Purple Martin</i>	F-6+D	U					←	~~~~~			→			
<i>Tree Swallow</i>	F-6+X	C					←					→		
<i>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</i>	C	U					←				→			

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Bank Swallow	C	C					←			→				
Cliff Swallow	X	C					←			→				
Barn Swallow	X	C					←			→				
Gray Jay	F	U	←	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	→
Blue Jay	F	C	←											→
American Crow	F, G, S	C	←											→
Common Raven	F & G	N	←											→
Black-capped Chickadee	F	C	←											→
Boreal Chickadee	F	R	←	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	→
Black-billed Magpie	F & G	N	←									←		→

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<i>Red-breasted Nuthatch</i>	F	C	←											→
<i>White-breasted Nuthatch</i>	F	C	←											→
<i>Brown Creeper</i>	F	C	←	~~~~~	~~~~~	←							~~~~~	→
<i>House Wren</i>	F	C					←					→		
<i>Winter Wren</i>	F	C				←						→		
<i>Sedge Wren</i>	G-1	U					←	-----	-----	-----	-----	→		
<i>Marsh Wren</i>	A-3	U					←	-----	-----	-----	-----	→		
<i>Golden-crowned Kinglet</i>	F-5	C	←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	*					*	~~~~~	→
<i>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</i>	F	N					←	*	~~~~~	~~~~~	*		→	
<i>Eastern Bluebird</i>	G+X	C					←					→		

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Veery	F	C					←				→			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	F	N					←				←			
Swainson's Thrush	F	U					←				→			
Hermit Thrush	F-5	C					←					→		
Wood Thrush	F-2	R					←				→			
American Robin	F+X	C					←					→		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	F-1+2	R					←				→			
Gray Catbird	S	C					←				→			
Brown Thrasher	S	U					←				→			
Bohemian Waxwing	F	N	←		→									←

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Cedar Waxwing	F & S	C				←						→		
Northern Shrike	F-6, S	N	←	---	---	→								←
European Starling	X	U	←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
Solitary Vireo	F	U					←	---	---	---	---	→		
Yellow-throated Vireo	F	U					←	---	---	---	---	→		
Warbling Vireo	F-6	R						←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
Philadelphia Vireo	F	N					←	→		←	→			
Red-eyed Vireo	F	C					←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
+ Golden-winged Warbler	S	C					←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
+ Tennessee Warbler	F & S	N					←	*	~~~~~	*	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~

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+ Orange-crowned Warbler	S	N					←→				←→			
+ Nashville Warbler	F-5+7	C					←				→			
+ Northern Parula	F-5+7	C					←				→			
+ Yellow Warbler	S	U					←				→			
+ Chestnut-sided Warbler	F-6, S	C					←				→			
+ Magnolia Warbler	F-5+6	U					←				→			
+ Cape May Warbler	F-5	R					←				→			
+ Black-throated Blue Warbler	F-5	N					←				→			
+ Yellow-rumped Warbler	F-5	C					←				→			
- Black-throated Green Warbler	F-5	C					←				→			

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+ Blackburnian Warbler	F-5	C					←				→			
+ Pine Warbler	F-5	C					←				→			
+ Palm Warbler	F-5	N					←	*		*	→			
+ Bay-breasted Warbler	F	N					←				→			
+ Blackpoll Warbler	F	N					←				→			
+ Black and White Warbler	F-4	C					←				→			
American Redstart	F-4	C					←				→			
+ Ovenbird	F	C					←				→			
+ Northern Waterthrush	F-7	N					←	*		*	→			
+ Connecticut Warbler	F-7	U					←				→			

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† Mourning Warbler	F, S-4	C					←				→			
† Common Yellowthroat	S	C					←				→			
† Hooded Warbler	F	N					←	~~~~~			→			
† Wilson's Warbler	S	N					←	*~~~~~*			→			
† Canada Warbler	F-7	U					←	-----			→			
Scarlet Tanager	F	C					←				→			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	F	C					←				→			
Indigo Bunting	S	C					←				→			
Rufous-sided Towhee	S	U					←	-----			→			
American Tree Sparrow	F	N	←	-----	→							←	-----	→

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Chipping Sparrow	F	C					←				→			
Clay-colored Sparrow	S	C					←				→			
Vesper Sparrow	G-3	U					←	---	---	---	---	→		
Savannah Sparrow	G	C					←				→			
Le Conte's Sparrow	G-1	U					←	---	---	---	---	→		
Fox Sparrow	S	N					←	→			←	→		
Song Sparrow	F-6+S	C					←				→			
Lincoln's Sparrow	F-6+S	N					←	→			←	→		
Swamp Sparrow	G-1+S	C						←			→			
White-throated Sparrow	F+S-4	C					←				→			

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White-crowned Sparrow	S	N					↔				↔			
Harris' Sparrow	S	N					↔				↔			
Dark-eyed Junco	F-6+S	R					←	*	~~~~~	*	→			
Snow Bunting	G	N	←	---	---	→						*	---	---
Bobolink	G	C					←			→				
Red-winged Blackbird	A-3+G-2	C				←						→		
Eastern Meadowlark	G-2	R				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	→		
Western Meadowlark	G-2	U				←						→		
Yellow-headed Blackbird	A-3	N				←	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	→		
Rusty Blackbird	F-6	N					↔				↔			

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Brewer's Blackbird	G-2	U				←	---	---	---	---	→			
Common Grackle	F, G+S	N				←	-----*	-----*	-----*	-----*	→			
Brown-headed Cowbird	F, G+S	C				←	-----	-----	-----	-----	→			
Northern Oriole	F-6	U					←	---	---	---	→			
Pine Grosbeak	F	N	←	---	---	→							←	---
Purple Finch	F	C	←	---	---	---	*	-----	-----	-----	-----		*	---
Red Crossbill	F-5	C	←	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----			→
White-winged Crossbill	F-5	N	←	-----	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	*
Common Redpoll	F	N	←	---	---	---	→						←	---
Pine Siskin	F	C				←	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		*	?

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<i>American Goldfinch</i>	S	C				←						→		
<i>Evening Grosbeak</i>	F-5	C	←											→
<i>House Sparrow</i>	X	C	←											→